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#### PROGRAMS

- Mar. 5th - Meeting of the Board of Directors at the home of LeRoy T. Waggoner at 1730 Winton, Speedway City, Ind.
- Mar. 6th - Regular business meeting. Directors meeting following that of the club.
- Mar. 13th - Mr. R. J. Kryter of the Esterline Angus Meter Company will show the balance of his pictures of a trip through the Canadian Rockies. These pictures are a continuation of those shown by Mr. Kryter at the club some time ago. This meeting will be an open meeting so you are invited to come and bring a friend, neighbor, girl, brother, father, mother or wife. At any rate you have heard "Bob" before and you know that this program will be of interest to anyone that attends. So B there.
- Mar. 20th - Business meeting. Meeting of Borad of Directors following club adjournment.
- Mar. 27th - Initiation of new members that have joined the club since the last initiation and those who have not yet been initiated into the organization. Eats will be served following the ceremony.

#### COMMITTEES

The following committees have been named to serve forthe initiation of new members for the big night of the 27th of March. Inspector General - R. B. Annis, Chief Monitor - Glenn Montgomery, Historian - Wm. F. Leuth, Scribe - Chas. E. Campbell, Senior Opr. LeRoy Waggoner, Chief Examiner - Wade Kingery, High Executioners - Arnold Dickmeyer and Howard McDonald. Eats Paul Nelson and Robt. K. Caskey.

#### SUGGESTIONS

Paul Nelson suggested to ye editor that perhaps in these slow times that it would be the proper time to have some programs on the subjects that we talk about in common terms but yet have no real understanding of in actual talkable terms. Suppose for example you were asked to explain what the mutual conductance of a tube is. Would you be able to explain it? The answer probably would be NO. Other subjects could be covered at this time of inactivity to further our knowledge of just what our hobby is. Amplifiers A, B, C, AB1, AB2, condensers, their functions and properties, cathode biasing vs fixed bias, microphones, their properties and when to use the proper one, conversion transconductance in receiver osc. mod. circuits, methods of detection in receivers, receivers themselves, the measure of audio power, the decibel (Kryter), ratings of audio amplifiers, distortion in same, filters - both power supply and band pass filters, modulation systems, tube characteristics - construction-selection of right tube, testing tubes, photoelectric tubes-application of them to testing, alarm systems, industrial applications, vacuum tubervoltmeters, meters-converting milliameters into voltmeters, changing ranges of meters both volt and mills, voltage divider systems, tuning arrangements, antennas, freq. Mod., etc. From the list above it is thought that very few of the fellows could any mpre than get a start in actually getting up and explaining just what each did or perhaps even knowing just what it was. These subjects could be assigned to individuals and it would be up to them to dig up the dope and present it to the club. How about it program committee?

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NEW MEMBER

We take pleasure in welcoming James Alvin Lowell, W9DAG, into our ranks this past month. He, along with others, will be initiated into and given certificates of the club, come March 27th.

ADDRESS

One of our members, Arnold Finchum sends us a card indicating he is now in the navy with the RADAR division. His address: RM/2c Arnold Finchum, Company 122, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. This issue of Amachewer is being mailed to him. How about a letter from you the reader?

RAMBLING

W9YMV, friend LeRoy Waggoner is being nominated for SCM for this district. We believe he merits it as well as anyone. Let's support him.

Roland Pruitt, W9GOP, is now operating at the State Police station WPHE. Pruitt said that this was his goal when he started several months back so we congratulate him upon the achievement of his aims. He is on the graveyard shift at present so you late owls may hear him if you just tune in on their freq.

The future of our work with the OCD is somewhat in doubt but it is now apparent that perhaps we may be able to contribute something by means that are now being tried. That is to be sworn in as deputy police, sell our equipment to police dept. with option to re-buy and operate on experimental police frequencies. This may not be the final solution but it is a workable one that would enable us to operate under strict authority and on strictly useful operations.

The annual code school of the club under the direction of Arthur Schultz has just finished with about 15 graduates having attained the required speed. There is a strong possibility of the club starting another one next month under the direction of Charles Campbell. Interest seems to warrant this new code class and its training of men able to enter the service with the code already mastered is no small matter contributing to the start of a class so soon after the completion of the present one. See how many you can contact who would be interested in a class of this sort.

Lon Webb, W9EJH, is unaccounted for. He is reported as not working at Commercial Body anymore. Where is he??? Come in please.

Lovell, our newest member, has just received an application from GE after filling out the QST job sheet appearing in Dec. issue. This might be a good way of getting the job you have been looking for. Why not look up your Dec. issue and send that page in to QST.

We have a request from Len Hall to send Amachewer to him. He visited the club last Friday the 20th. We are sending Amachewer to him and invite him to come on up again and if he likes our company, to make application for membership in our club. By the way, Len is instruction manual writer at the RCA plant.

It is no secret who in Anderson sent that valentine to editor Caskey with the notation on "Guess Who". Hi Hilda and the kids.

And then speaking of the editor it seems that his prediction of last month's edition being his last was just one issue short of being the truth. His papers for his physical for March the 3rd arrived last week. Need more be said? At any rate he hopes, as he voiced in last month's Amachewer, that the administration stops playing for votes, pitches out the incompetents, puts the labor agitators where they belong and gets down to an all out effort of war with nothing spared. With such a fulfillment of the above and with the proper equipment, his apprehension of service for the British would soon vanish. At any rate, come what may, may I repeat that in the peace to come it is up to we Americans to get a just share in the spoils and make it a JUST peace.

To the editor:

CONTRIBUTED

Reading the article entitled "Hams" in the recent issue of Ama-Chewer has prompted some interesting thoughts. We are, without doubt, off the air for the duration of the war. While there are those who choose to see a chance for activity of some sort in the future, there seems to be no concrete foundation on which to base such hopes. Rather it would appear that the plight of the amateur is one which will be readily pushed aside in the feverish efforts of this adverse time.

One cannot help wondering whether or not the intense effort of the ARRL to foster the building of portable emergency equipment was due more to wishful thinking that a place would be found for the amateur to serve, rather than a definitely planned program in close collaboration with our armed forces. The complete lack of coordination apparent in the futile attempts of the League to obtain authority for some semblance of activity speaks volumes, and tends to prove the point beyond the possibility of doubt.

If, then, such has been the case, we must look to ourselves for the root of our unhappy situation. If there were no plans formulated for application to just such an emergency as now confronts us, it is OUR OWN FAULT. The League was able to present no stronger picture than we, ourselves, have painted. We are the hams who were not able to police our own bands, who have forgotten the code, who overmodulate and splatter, who ride each other down at every opportunity, and with supreme egotism insist upon being the big duck in the puddle. It is doubtful that any conscientious ham could conceive of vital emergency communications being entrusted to any group. The dismal failure of the first group of stations authorized to conduct themselves properly, probably resulted in the immediate dismissal of any plans entertained by the army involving amateur operation. Our operating puddles were promptly and officially dried up, and here we are, stranded. BUT--- all is not necessarily lost.

While it is very probably true that there will not be any opportunity for us to operate until after the war clouds have vanished, we may well use this time of inactivity to good purpose, in giving some consideration to our shortcomings of the past and reviewing our mistakes of conduct in order that our fraternity may once again achieve the high place it once held.